



Senior Section Newsletter

The Senior Captain and his Charity 2019

I am Barry Jenkins and I am looking forward to my year as your Seniors Captain for 2019.

The purpose of this newsletter is to promote the senior section of the club, to inform club members about what is going on and to encourage those eligible, that is club members over the age of 55, to participate in the Senior events.



My Charity this year is Anthony Nolan



saving the lives
of people with
blood cancer

The Anthony Nolan Organisation briefly

- Maintains their register to enable them to match incredible individuals willing to donate their blood stem cells or bone marrow to people who desperately need life saving transplants.
- Educate young people about the lifesaving difference they can make by joining their register.
- Conduct ground breaking research to improve the success rates of transplants and improve the lives of all people with blood cancer.
- Are there with support, advice and information for people with blood cancer and their families.

I wish to raise money and awareness for this very worthwhile cause and your support will help save lives.

Fred Porter wins the Christmas Hamper



The Seniors Committee

The committee this year is

Barry Jenkins(Captain), Clive Hammond(Vice Captain) Mike Newell, Bob Cook, Joe Payne, Paul Trenchard, Terry Edenborough and Peter Lewis.

Lyndon Cheal has been co-opted to assist Clive to investigate the possibility of playing alternative formats.

A big thank you goes to the outgoing committee members Andy Pillinger, Martin Walters and Brian Clutterbuck for their services to the Senior Section.

Any comments or suggestions please email us at: svgcSeniors@gmail.com

or speak to any of the committee members.

Dates for your Diary, 2019

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| 15th February | - Charity Quiz Night at 8:00 pm (£25 per team max. 6 per team) |
| 8th May | - Seniors Open |
| 10th June | - Veterans Championship |
| 26th & 27th June | - Seniors Club Championship |
| 3rd July | - Senior Captains Charity Invitation Day |
| 22nd July | - Seniors Away Day |
| 15th & 16th September | - Seniors Away Weekend |
| 9th October | - Senior Captains Cup |

A Charity Quiz night in aid of the Club Charities is being hosted by Dave and Patsy Hurst on Friday 15th February, get a team together and come along for a fun evening whilst supporting worthy causes.

The Seniors Open and Captains Charity Invitation Day both raise money for this year's charity. Raffles will be held on both occasions and donations for these would be greatly appreciated. If you know of anyone who would be willing to sponsor one of the par3's for any or both of these competitions please speak to either Terry Edenborough or Barry Jenkins

Both the away day and away weekend venues are to be confirmed, John Fry has arranged a highly successful away trip for some years now. John has now announced his 'retirement' and the committee have taken over the organisation. Thank you, John, for all your hard work.

Paul Trenchard, Peter Lewis and Barry Jenkins are leading on this and any suggestions as to venues would be most welcome as recommendations can usually ensure a successful outcome.

Senior Competitions

A full calendar of competitions is available, played every Wednesday with several different formats in either singles, pairs or teams of 3 or 4. If you have any suggestions regarding alternative game formats please speak to either Clive Hammond or Lyndon Cheal, who have been tasked with investigating and implementing any changes.

Recently we ran a 'Par 3' competition, which was widely enjoyed. We have taken account of peoples comments and will be introducing different tee positions and other changes in future to give more variety and to give lower handicaps a level playing field. The SVGC Senior Par 3 Championship will be held on 18th December.

Have you seen the 'sixes' competitions on the European Tour? Leading the way again, there will be a Senior 'Sixes' Tournament in October. Look out for details on the notice board soon..

We also run both Summer and Winter Merit and Eclectic competitions as well as Summer and Winter Singles and Pairs Knockout

Seniors Team Matches 2019

The fixtures have now been finalized for this year the details of which are shown below.

Team matches are played against mainly local clubs and over many years a bond has been created between us. You get the chance to meet other like-minded people, share 'banter', make new or renew friendships while enjoying friendly competitive golf.

The golfing format is pairs better ball match play, played off 90% handicap. So, you can enjoy this, whatever your golfing standard.

It is expected that players play in the club shirt and keep tradition by wearing a shirt with club tie, jacket and trousers for the two course meal that follows where the camaraderie grows within the buzz of many conversations.

The investment for each match is only between £12 and £15 and includes the two-course meal. It is also traditional to buy your opponents drinks for home matches, and to accept the same hospitality in away matches. The Captain will try to ensure that you get to play both home and away matches, so you get to play different courses very cheaply.

These matches are open to any club member over the age of 55 and if you would like to be considered for selection please enter your details on the sheet provided on the Seniors notice board in the club entrance hall.

Seniors Avalon League 2019

The Avalon League is 'friendly golf with a competitive edge', being a league however the emphasis in these matches is more on the result so probably more suited to those more experienced in playing in other league competitions.

The maximum handicap in the Senior's League is 20. This does not preclude higher handicappers playing in the League, but they will need to play off 20 in the League matches.

The fixtures have now been arranged for the coming season the details of which are shown below.

If you would like to be considered for selection for these matches would you please enter your name, mobile no., and email address on the sheet provided on the Seniors Notice Board.

More Information

In addition to organised events, seniors hold several 'roll-ups' on weekdays, which you can join. If you are new and need some introduction, then please ask one of the committee members to point you in the right direction. Organisers running 'roll-ups', please let us know days and times so that we can send golfers your way.

Many Seniors are retired, so that there is a lot of events for them. However, we are looking at ways we can do more for those of you still employed. If you have any ideas or anything you would like to see, please let us know.

The Senior Section have their own website, which is a mine of information. Go to <https://www.stockwoodvale.com/> and click on News and then Senior Section for ten pages of both current and historical information including the full programme of Seniors competitions. You can even see what the committee are up to!

Also on the committee page, is the [Seniors Information Pack](#) (also in the folder under the television in the bar). We shall be making some changes shortly, so keep checking for updates.

Finally

This is our first newsletter and we are planning more to keep you up to date on SVGC Senior golf. If there is anything you would like to see or contribute, let us know.

This is your club and will try to please as many of you as possible however if you don't like something or if you have any suggestions then, after you have had your traditional moan in the bar, let a member of the committee know about it and we will do our best to resolve it.

Wishing you an enjoyable golfing year...

The Committee

Seniors Avalon League Fixtures 2019

Monday	8th April	Enmore Park	Away	First Tee - 14:00 pm
Monday	15th April	Tall Pines	Away	First Tee - TBC
Thursday	6th June	Mendip Spring	Home	First Tee - 11:00 am
Thursday	13th June	The Mendip	Away	First Tee - 12:00 noon
Thursday	20th June	Enmore Park	Home	First Tee - 11:00 am
Monday	24th June	Mendip Spring	Away	First Tee - 11:15 am
Thursday	4th July	Isle of Wedmore	Home	First Tee - 11:00 am
Friday	12th July	Worlebury	Away	First Tee - 12:00 noon
Tuesday	16th July	Tall Pines	Home	First Tee - 11:00 am
Tuesday	13th August	Isle of Wedmore	Away	First Tee - 11:30 am
Thursday	22nd August	Worlebury	Home	First Tee - 11:00 am
Tuesday	3 September	The Mendip	Home	First Tee - 11:00 am

Seniors Team Match Fixtures 2019

DAY	DATE	FIXTURE	HOME/ AWAY	TIME	TEAM NO
Tuesday	April 2nd	Farrington	Home	12:00	14
Thursday	April 11th	The Kendleshire	Home	12:00	14
Thursday	April 25th	Knowle	Home	12:00	14
Tuesday	April 30th	Clevedon	Home	12:00	16
Tuesday	May 14th	Thornbury	Away	12:00	12
Tuesday	May 21st	Knowle	Away	11:00	14
Tuesday	May 28th	Gloucester	Away	11:00	14
Thursday	May 30th	Shirehampton	Home	12:00	14
Tuesday	June 4th	Thornbury	Home	12:00	12
Wednesday	June 12th	Cumberwell Park	Away	11:30	12
Tuesday	June 18th	Lansdown	Away	12:30	14
Monday	July 1st	Broome Manor	Home	12:00	12
Thursday	July 11th	Gloucester	Home	12:00	14
Thursday	July 18th	Tall Pines	Home	12:00	12
Thursday	July 25th	Broome Manor	Away	12:00	12
Tuesday	July 30th	Farrington	Away	10:00	14
Monday	August 5th	Shirehampton	Away	12:00	14
Tuesday	August 20th	The Bristol	Away	11:00	14
Tuesday	August 27th	Clevedon	Away	11:00	16
Thursday	August 29th	Tall Pines	Away	11:00	12
Monday	September 2nd	Cumberwell Park	Home	12:00	14
Monday	September 9th	Isle of Wedmore	Away	12:00	14
Thursday	September 12th	The Bristol	Home	12:00	14
Tuesday	September 17th	Isle of Wedmore	Home	12:00	14
Monday	September 23rd	The Kendleshire	Away	10:00	14
Thursday	September 26th	Lansdown	Home	12:00	14
Tuesday	October 8th	Saltford	Home	12:00	14
Tuesday	October 15th	Saltford (Cockle Cup)	Away	11:00	14